

the community just as doctors, lawyers, engineers and other professional groups are integral parts of the community. He cannot consider problems that affect the community as problems of other citizens. He cannot submerge himself into his own professional affairs to such an extent that he becomes oblivious to the problems that affect us all. I think that as we deliberate upon the future role of the soldier we must ponder this fact. I think also that we must recognize that the military man of this decade faces far more complex problems than those of us who served a generation ago. Our task is no longer to produce a fighting machine capable of defending our shores from invaders or being employed as a useful device in diplomacy. Our task now and in the future is to recognize that the military can serve use as effectively in peace as well as in war. This is particularly important when we consider that the struggle we are engaged in today is more ideological than physical.

In glancing over the program for this two-day conference, I was particularly pleased in noting the many phases of higher education that will be dismissed. I was happy to discover that many of the topics scheduled for discussion did not deal specifically with the problems of the higher educational needs of military personnel. This reflects, I think, a basic acceptance of the fact that military men are indeed a part of the community and no longer considered a profession apart from society. I was also happy to note the number of distinguished educators and military men who will participate in this conference. I would expect that your deliberations today and tomorrow will strongly influence the future role that the military will play in relation to the community at large.

Again, let me welcome you to Maryland and extend to you my good wishes for a very successful conference.

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Thank you, Senator Wheatley, Mr. Hammond and members of the Board of Library Trustees, members of the Board of County Commissioners, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen: